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1. The Anglo-Ecuadoran Petroleum Company operates a workers' school which is known as the "Universidad Popular". This school is controlled by the workers and is used by the Communists as a means of indoctrinating the workers in Communist theories. Most of the instructors are university students from Guayaquil and are either Communists or leftist sympathizers.
2. In addition to the school the workers are supplied a hall which is used for union meetings. These meetings are frequently addressed by Pedro Saad, Segundo Ramos, Jorge Reynolds, and other Communists from Guayaquil. Communist leaders and agitators from Guayaquil are continually visiting the workers within the encampment and passing on propaganda or conducting Party business with the workers.
3. According to company officials, Franklin Perez Castro, a Guayaquil Communist, had a radio transmitter installed in the syndicate's quarters at Ancon. ~~It~~ is believed ~~that~~ this radio has been removed recently, but its present whereabouts are unknown.

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